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**REPLY RE STATUS RE MOTIONS TO
COMPEL**

1 The Direct Action Plaintiffs (“DAPs”) respectfully submit this Reply to Toshiba’s and
 2 Panasonic’s letter brief of June 19, 2015 and SDI’s letter brief of June 12, 2015 regarding the
 3 Special Master’s May 27, 2015 Request for Status re Motions (Dkt. 3857).¹

4 The October 29, 2014 Motion re Authentication Issues, and the Related November 24 and
 5 November 26, 2014 Motions

6 SDI argues in its June 12, 2015 Letter Brief that the Court should not decide the DAPs’
 7 pending November 24, 2014 Motion, namely by repeating arguments it raised in its extensive
 8 underlying briefing, including the curious argument that the “SDI defendants also authenticated
 9 more documents than the Toshiba Defendants.” See, Exhibits A and B (DAP’s November 24,
 10 2014 Letter Brief and SDI’s December 1, 2014 Responsive Letter Brief). The November 24th
 11 Motion (and the related October 29 and November 26 Motions) are fully briefed, and the Court
 12 should decide them on the merits. SDI additionally argues that it has settled with certain DAPs.
 13 But those settlements do not render the motions or the underlying discovery regarding the
 14 authenticity and business records status of SDI’s documents moot.

15 In Toshiba’s and Panasonic’s Letter Brief, Toshiba raises a typographical error, but
 16 acknowledges that it has refused to stipulate to the business records character of 91 out of 94 of its
 17 own documents, further underscoring that the DAPs’ October 29, 2014 Motion is ripe for
 18 adjudication.

19 The September 12, 2014 and September 19, 2014 Motions

20 Toshiba also argues that the September 12 and September 19, 2014 Motions are “moot”
 21 based on its stipulation with the IPPs to withdraw certain motions.² But the stipulation itself
 22 expressly applies only to motions that raise issues exclusive to Toshiba and the IPPs. See Dkt.
 23 3812, at pg. 2:1-2 (“WHEREAS, the Toshiba Defendants and the IPPs do not seek to withdraw
 24 any motions to the extent that they pertain to any other plaintiff or any other defendant.”). As we
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26 ¹ As stated in its May 13, 2015 notice (Dkt. 3842), Plaintiff Sharp has reached a settlement
 27 in principle with Samsung SDI and, accordingly, does not join this brief to the extent it pertains to
 28 motions brought against Defendant Samsung SDI.

² The issues raised in the September 12 and 19 Motions related to Panasonic have been
 resolved.

1 noted in our June 11, 2015 Notice re Motion to Compel, these Motions raise substantive issues
2 that remain relevant to the DAPs' pending claims against Toshiba and other defendants. See
3 Notice, at pgs. 3:19-24 (Interrogatories and Requests for Production regarding sales of CRT
4 products into the United States, statements to antitrust agencies, and ownership and control issues
5 relevant to MTPD).

6 Moreover, there are overarching policy reasons in these consolidated proceedings that
7 warrant an adjudication of the September 12 and September 19 Motions notwithstanding the IPP
8 and Toshiba's stipulation to withdraw them, in particular those expressed by the Special Master in
9 his Recommended Order re Mitsubishi's Motion to Compel ViewSonic's Percipient Witness
10 Depositions and Coordination of Discovery (Dkt. 3866, at 3-4) ("the interest of justice is served by
11 allowing counsel for any party to this MDL whose interests may be implicated by the withdrawal
12 of a pending motion" to address why the motion should remain pending). Those overarching
13 interests were not at issue in the three cases cited by Toshiba, and render them unhelpful to the
14 Court. See Toshiba's June 19, 2015 Letter Brief, *citing Independent Union of Flight Attendants v.*
15 *Pan American World Airways, Inc.*, 966 F.2d 457, 459 (9th Cir. 1992) (no MDL or coordinated
16 discovery proceedings, and noting that a voluntary withdrawal of a motion to enforce the court's
17 judgment is "without prejudice"); *Earth Island Institute v. Albright*, 147 F.3d 1352, 1356 (Fed.
18 Cir. 1998) (in action entailing no coordinated proceedings or discovery, holding that "a party's
19 decision to withdraw a claim" rendered the ensuing appeal moot); *Henry v. National Housing*
20 *Partnership*, No. 1:06-CV-008-SPM, 2008 WL 2766067, at *1 (N.D. Fla. June 27, 2008) (same,
21 and noting that a *Daubert* motion was moot as between two parties given their stipulation to
22 withdraw it).

23 For these reasons, the DAPs request that the Special Master rule on the motions outlined
24 above.

1 Respectfully Submitted,

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